

1 – 4 (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) A stabilizer bar comprising:

a fiber reinforced composite rod having a tubular configuration and including a plurality of fibers embedded in a resin binder, said rod having first and second open ends;

said composite rod having a longitudinal axis, wherein the fibers comprise first, second and third sets of fibers, wherein the fibers of the first set are oriented at  $0^\circ \pm 15^\circ$  with respect to the axis, wherein the fibers of the second set are oriented at  $+45^\circ \pm 15^\circ$  with respect to the axis, and wherein the fibers of the third set are oriented at  $-45^\circ \pm 15^\circ$  with respect to the axis;

first and second arms, each arm comprising a respective recess, each of said recesses receiving one of said rod ends; and

first and second plugs positioned within the first and second rod ends within the first and second recesses, respectively.

6. (Original) The stabilizer bar of Claim 5 wherein the first and second plugs are integrally connected to the first and second arms, respectively.

7 – 13 (Cancelled)

14. (Currently Amended) The stabilizer bar of ~~Claims 2 or 5~~Claim 5 wherein the fibers comprise carbon fibers.

15 – 18 (Cancelled)